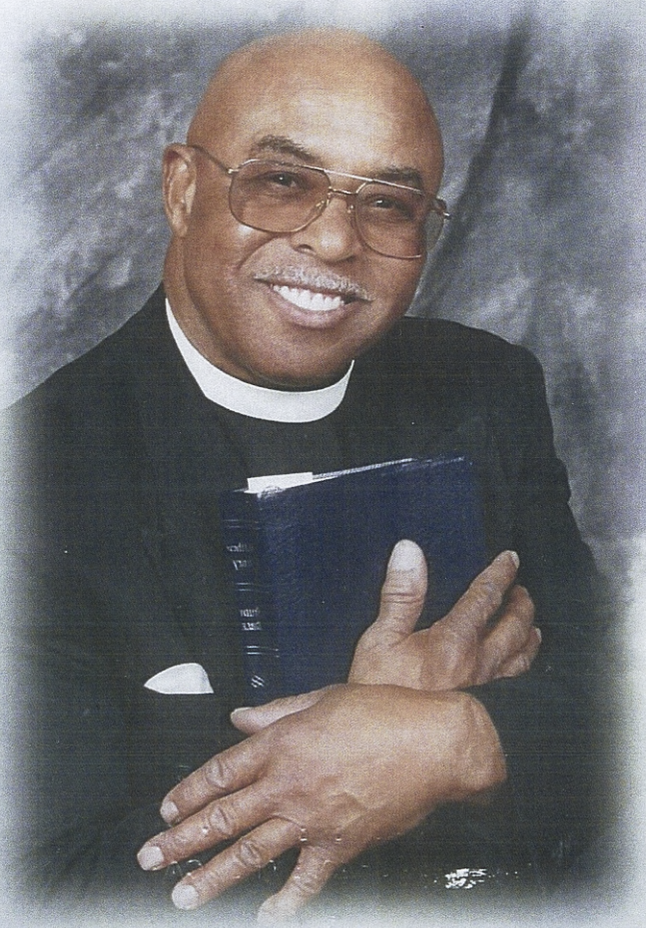
*In Loving memory of*

# SUPERINTENDENT JOHN S. DOYLE

THE BELOVED EPISCOPAL ASSISTANT OF NOR CAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION



**SUNRISE, OCTOBER 4, 1931**
**Austin, Texas**

**SUNSET, MAY 31, 2015**
**Sacramento, CA**

## OFFICIAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015, 10:00 AM

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## OFFICIATING

BISHOP J. W. Macklin
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church f God in Christ
Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

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Williams Memorial Church Of God In Christ
4495 MLK Blvd,
Sacramento, CA 95820
Elder Larry Meeks, Pastor

# Obituary

## *Superintendent John S. Doyle • 1931 - 2015*

Pastor John Doyle was a man that loved his family, loved his friends, and lived a life that was fully dedicated to doing the work of the Lord. The bible says to "Raise up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it." This is how John Doyle began his earthly life.

Elder John Doyle was born on October 4, 1931 to Lydia and Vernon Doyle in Austin, Texas. After adding five girls (5) to this union, Zelma, Mary, Alice, Helen and Johnnie God blessed this couple with a son. Elder Doyle was raised in a loving Christian home where his mother was a prayer warrior devoted to 9 am prayer.

Pastor Doyle's primary education was in the city of Austin, Texas however his family relocated to Las Cruces, New Mexico and there he graduated from high school. He loved sports, especially baseball.

During their time in New Mexico, the family placed their membership at the New Hope Baptist Church. Pastor Doyle accepted Christ at an early age and loved singing in various quartets.

On October 4, 1949 Pastor Doyle married the love of his life Mossie Sims of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a union that lasted some 65 years. Pastor and Mother Doyle were blessed with five (5) children.

During the early 1950's Pastor Doyle and his family relocated to Fresno, CA. There he pastored his first church, Holy Cross COGIC. While living in Fresno, the Lord gave Pastor Doyle a vision of a citadel and instructed him to move to Sacramento. And so after much prayer and consideration, Pastor and Mother Doyle, along with their children, relocated to Sacramento in the year 1964. There the family united with the Williams Memorial COGIC under Pastor J. S. Pitts. The family continued to work diligently in service of the Lord.

During this time, Pastor Doyle was appointed YPWW President for the Sacramento District, and later Superintendent of the Greater Shiloh District.

# *The Life of a Servant*

*Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.* ***Psalm 93:5***

Gospel Center began its first official service with 13 families on the 2nd Sunday in March, 1970. After several moves, the Lord led Pastor Doyle to the property where the church is currently located on Woodbine Avenue.

Pastor Doyle, always following the leading of the Lord, was led to become a founding member of the Nor Cal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop J. W. Macklin. Shortly, afterward, Pastor Doyle was appointed Episcopal Assistant and a member of the Bishop's executive staff. He was especially known for his dynamic prayers and powerful unique singing that always stirred the hearts of the saints.

After 45 years as a dedicated spirit filled Pastor, God called His faithful servant home on Sunday May 31, 2015. Pastor Doyle is preceded in death by his parents, Lydia and Vernon Doyle, and sisters, Zelma, Mary, Alice and Helen. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Mossie; Children - Loree Ruffin (Raymond), Derrick Doyle, Sr. (Annette), Dennis Doyle (Joan), Ella J. Younger, and John L. Doyle Sr. (Jennifer); A host of grand, great grand, and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and the Nor Cal Jurisdiction family.

# *A Celebration of Life*

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## *Order of Service*

**MASTER OF CEREMONY**

Supt. Joe Nobles, *Administrative Assistant, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction*

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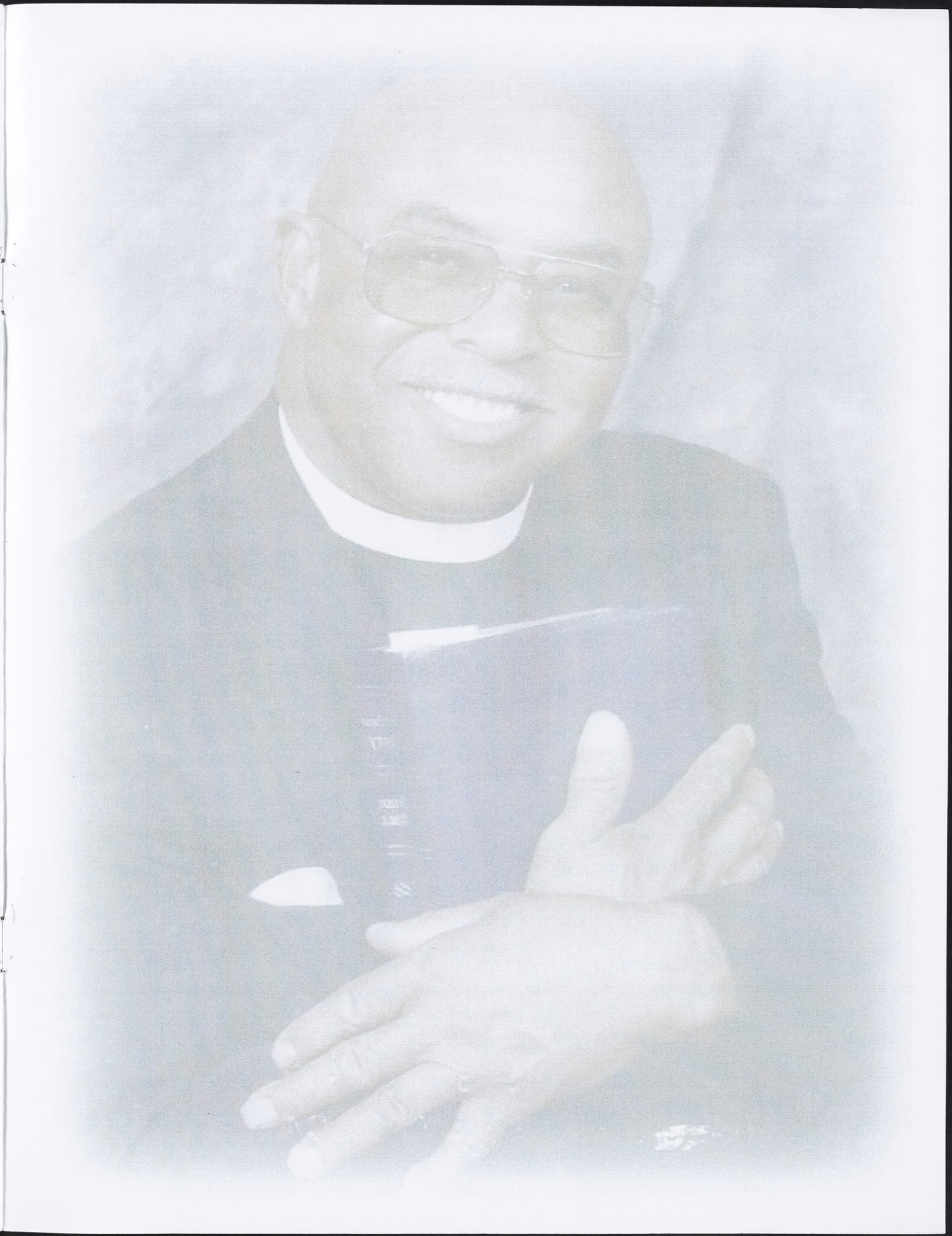
| **Musical Prelude** | Organist |
| **Processional** | Clergy & Family |
| **Invocation** | Pastor Clifton Shaw |
| **Reading of the Holy Word** | |
| Old Testament | Elder Tyrone Weaver |
| New Testament | Elder Coleman Starks |
| **Congregational Medley** | Missy. D. Madden |
| **Expressions** | |
| Gospel Center Church Family | Sis. Evelyn Koroma<br>Representing a Loving Church |
| Sacramento Metropolitan District | ADMIIN. ASISTANT I. HOLLINS,<br>District Superintendent |
| Pastors of Sacramento | SUPT. BENNIE TOLIVER,<br>Progressive COGIC |
| **Musical Selection** | Celebration Choir |
| **Nor Cal Metropolitan Pastors** | Pastor A. C. Macklin, IV |
| **Nor Cal Women's Dept. Supervisor** | MOTHER PLUMIE DANCEY |
| **Nor Cal Executive Board & Jurisdictional Resolution** | Supt. J. K. Simpkins |
| **Musical Selection** | Celebration Choir |
| **The Doyle Family** | Elder Courtland Younger,<br>Assist. Pastor Gospel Center COGIC |
| **Acknowledgments/Resolutions** | Dist. Missionary Evelyn Jones |
| **Obituary** | (Read Silently) |
| **Introduction of Speaker** | Supt. J. Nobles, Admin. Assist. |
| **Sermonic Solo** | Dr. Darlene Reynolds Cooper |
| **Eulogy** | **Bishop J. W. Macklin,**<br>Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction<br>2nd Presiding Bishop Church of God in Christ |
| **Recessional** | **Clergy and Family** |



**INTERNMENT**
**MT. VERNON MEMORIAL PARK**
**8201 GREENBACK LANE**
**FAIR OAKS CA 95628**

**Repast** — **Williams Memorial COGIC**

**Pall Bearers**

Eld. Courtland S. Younger
Johnny D. Younger
Jason Ruffin
Preston Doyle
John L. Doyle, Jr.
Delair Doyle

**Honorary Pall Bearers**

Dennis Doyle
Derrick Doyle
John L. Doyle, Sr.
Eld. Billy Powell
Eld. Clifton Shaw
Eld. Tyrone Weaver

*With Gratitude*

*To those who serve in the ministry of Helps: Ushers, musicians, singers, kitchen staff, program persons and all who helped to make this day a celebration of life, God bless you all.*

*Thank You*

*The family of Pastor John Doyle wishes to thank everyone who called, sent cards, visited, prepared meals and shared your love and prayers. For you have a been a pillar of strength and encouragement during this difficult time. We take comfort not only in your giving of yourselves, but in the knowledge that our Pastor Doyle is present with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8*